

Rosland Mines Shipping Well.

Output of Week Just Closed
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Doctor Hurt in a Runaway Ac-
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Have Conference.

By Associated Press.

Rosland, Dec. 9.—The week closes with the second largest ore shipment of the year, 5,840 tons having been sent to the smelter during the previous seven days. The Le Roi led easily with the handsome total of 2,500 tons. The Centre Star made the largest shipment of the year, 1,110 tons, and the Monte Cristo joined the list of shippers, sending down 100 tons.

Bernard Macdonald, the successor to W. A. Carlyle as general manager of the British America Corporation properties, arrived to-night and will at once take charge of the Le Roi and all the mines of the big corporation.

W. B. Wilson, superintendent of the Le Roi, who recently fractured his knee cap, is a little better but will be confined to his room for some weeks.

Dr. Angus W. Kenning and wife, formerly of Toronto, had a very narrow escape from being killed on Thursday. The Doctor's horse ran away and jumped through a saloon window. He had two ribs broken and was otherwise bruised. Mrs. Kenning was only slightly hurt.

A meeting of mine owners and nine managers from all over the Kootenay is being held here to-morrow to consider the eight-hour question.

The total shipments from Rosland Camp for the past week and for the year to date are as follows, in tons:

Mine	Week	Year
Le Roi	2,500	88,577
Iron Eagle	1,920	60,728
War Mask	150	5,250
Evening Star	1,088	18
Deer Park	18	1455
Centre Star	1,110	111
Columbia Kootenay	100	100
Virginia	20	20
Mountain Trail	75	75
I. X. L.	20	20
Coxey	100	100
Monte Christo	100	100
Total	5,840	170,248

NEW COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

Terms of United States Agreements with
British and French Made Public.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The reciprocity treaty negotiated between the United States and France during the past summer, the terms of which have been carefully guarded, have at last been printed. They were transmitted to the senate on Tuesday, and will be up for consideration of the senate committee on foreign relations at the first sitting of that committee which will probably be held next Wednesday.

The treaty with Great Britain covers the dependencies of Jamaica, Bermuda, Barbados, British Guiana, and Turks and Caicos Island. All the agreements include lists of articles on which concessions are made by the respective parties.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. Carter's Little Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill. Small dose. Small price.

COURT MARTIAL ON MULE.

Board of United States Army Officers to
Inquire into Its Abstraction of a
Halter.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Several army officers of high rank attached to the Department of the Lakes have been appointed to serve on a board of survey to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of one mule and a halter, the property of the United States, which recently disappeared from Fort Thomas, Ky. The red tape of the army regulations made necessary the appointment of the board in order that the responsibility for the loss be definitely determined.

A MURDERER'S FATE.

Windsor, Dec. 9.—Lewis Ward, for the murder of James Ross in July, has been sentenced to be hanged in Sandwich gaol yard on February 6.

YOU TRY IT.

If Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, which is sold for the small price of 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00, does not cure take the bottle back and we will refund your money. Sold for over fifty years on this guarantee. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. All druggists.

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TO LET—Furnished rooms; single and double. Apply at Bella Vista, 514 Humboldt street. d38

COMFORTABLE furnished room; with use of kitchen if required, 139 Michigan street. d38

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms; single and en suite, 90 Douglas street. d6

FOR RENT—Seven-roomed house and stable, 8 North Chatham street, at \$10 per month. d5

TO LET—Furnished house; 6 rooms. Apply 155 Menzies street, between 1 and 3. d15

TO LET—Furnished rooms, on car line, with or without breakfast. Mrs. Green, 117 Menzies street. d3

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms; single or en suite, 182 Fort street. n26

TO LET—Furnished house on South Turner street. For particulars and rent apply to A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. n21

TO LET—Furnished room, with every convenience. Apply 62 Pandora street. n18

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—1 lady's riding saddle, 1 set single harness, 1 set double harness, 1 set with tank. All in excellent condition; almost new. Address "N.M.," Colonist office. d10

GENTLEMAN GOING TO ALASKA—Wishes to dispose of his well made English dress suit in good location, with stock. Can be seen at Ah Hoy's, Tailors, Corner street. d10

FOR SALE—1 pair matched black horses, young and sound, accustomed to the city. Apply to B.C. Cold Storage & Ice Works. d10

MOUNT NEWTON PROPERTY for sale or to lease. One place containing 600 acres and 65 acres of land; other hotel with 14 acres. Apply S. Sawdover, North Saanich. d9

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FOR SALE—Hotel, containing 60 well furnished rooms, always full, good bar, trade, satisfactory reasons for selling. Good location, with stock. The owner leaving almost immediately for England, will sell at rate on the dollar; hardware, with stock, about \$1,000. Agent, W. Jones, 75 Yates street. d8

FOR SALE—Equilibrium, Constance Avenue, lot 50x175; cleared. Price \$175; snap. Apply A. E. Street, Esquimalt. d6

FOR SALE—Half interest in saloon business. Address "J.B.," Colonist office. d5

FOR SALE—A fine gasoline launch, 35 ft. long by 6 ft. beam, with 12 h.p. motor; also a 8 h.p. gasoline marine engine; all in good working order. Apply at The Schuchle Machine Works, New Westminster, B.C. n11

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FOR SALE—A fine driving horse, with bugle and harness. Apply "M.," 102 Fort street. n11

FOR SALE—Two or three of the most desirable building lots in city, with frontage of 112 feet on the Dallas Road. Address A. O. West, Adelphi Building. n11

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge, A.O.U.W. hall, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 o'clock. n11

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YOUNG GIRL'S FREAK.

Mixes Poison in a Family's Food and Attempts to Burn the House.

Bowmanville, Dec. 9.—Ida Knight, a girl of thirteen, employed as a domestic at Osborne's farm house, confessed to committing the outrageous act in that household last Sunday evening, while Osborne and his wife were at church. The girl cannot account for her action, and says her employers have treated her with the utmost kindness since being in their service. She has been remanded for trial at the next assizes.

The house was entered, it was supposed by masked men, and the servant and children driven upstairs and paria green was mixed in the flour and everything eatable; a quantity of straw, paper, etc., in the kitchen was ignited, but the flames were extinguished before any damage was done.

BUSINESS MEN'S EXCURSION.

Prolonged a Day to Give Better Opportunities at Nelson and Rossland.

Nelson, Dec. 9.—The C. P. R. complimentary excursion for business men of British Columbia arrived at Nelson this evening, having left Grand Forks at 10:30 a.m. On the way down a small party visited the 3,000-foot tunnel which will replace the switchback over Bulldog mountain. To give an opportunity of seeing Nelson and Rossland, the trip has been extended a day, and instead of leaving Nelson in the morning the party will stay until evening and spend Monday in Rossland, arriving in Vancouver on Wednesday.

YANKEE BOY MINE.

Montreal Men Complete the Purchase of Property Near Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, Dec. 8.—Major Leckie, general manager of the Republic mine, to-day on behalf of McCaughey, Rykerts & Co., Montreal, paid E. Spraggett \$25,000 the purchase price of the Yankee Boy mine, on Harry Mountain, two and one-half miles from Grand Forks. The values average \$80 in gold per ton. The property is being developed on an extensive scale.

ELEVATOR DEAL BLOCKED.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—An injunction was taken out by Charles O. Taylor, a grain shipper, this morning to prevent the harbor commissioners granting a contract to the Company Syndicate, Buffalo, N.Y., to erect elevators at this port, on the ground that the commissioners are not owners of the property but only trustees, and therefore have no right to grant the said contract.

FOR CHINESE TRADE.

Powers Accept the Proposal That All Nations Shall Be on an Equal.

London, Dec. 9.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "All the powers concerned have favorably received the proposals of the United States regarding the maintenance of the 'Open Door' in China, each offering to sign the desired assurance if the others will do so."

CRISP'S EYE TROUBLE.

Rome, Dec. 9.—Signor Crispì was operated on at Naples to-day for cataract. The final operations will be performed a fortnight hence.

THE POPE WELL AGAIN.

Rome, Dec. 9.—The Pope, who it was announced a few days ago was suffering from a heavy cold, has completely recovered his usual health.

GEORGIA NOT PROHIBITION.

Atlanta, Dec. 8.—By a vote of 26 to 15 in the senate to-day State prohibition was defeated.

COTTON PRODUCTION.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The final report of the statistician on the production of cotton in the United States for the year ending August 31, 1899, shows a total of 11,180,205 bales, an increase of 291,248 bales over the preceding year.

HAS SAID ENOUGH.

London, Dec. 9.—Mr. Chamberlain shows no sign of repentance or desire to retract his Leicester speech. When questioned by a representative of the Associated Press he replied: "I have nothing to add to what I have already said."

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THE WAR.

Things are approaching a climax in South Africa. Buller is ready, or very nearly so, to fall upon the main Boer army in force, and yesterday's despatches showed that White is able to do his share in striking a blow there; Methuen is about ready to attempt the dislodgment of Cronje's command from its position between Modder River and Kimberley. French is advancing on Colesburg by rail and as the distance to be covered is only thirty-six miles, he must be in a position to invest the Boer force there, if not to drive them out; Gatacre must be almost ready to advance on Stormberg. Thus we are certain to strike the enemy in three places, and probably four within a very few days.

The sortie from Ladysmith and the destruction of the Boer guns on Lombard's Kop was a plucky thing, and the fruit of the achievement was valuable. The enemy's battery on the kop had already been reported as giving the Ladysmith garrison considerable annoyance. On the previous day the Boers had been making some good practice, notably against the hospital, and this is the reason, probably, why the night sortie was planned.

Colesburg, which is the objective point of Gen. French's movement, is twenty-three miles from Norval's Point on the Orange River. We may therefore assume that after recapturing Colesburg, French will advance and invade the Free State. He will likely meet with resistance at Norval's Point, and the Boers, if they wish, withdraw a portion of their force, which is awaiting Gatacre at Stormberg, and bring it around by rail via Spytfontein to assist in repelling our force. From Stormberg to Norval's Point by the route the Boers must follow, is 135 miles, and they control the railway.

The Herald despatch, which says that the Boers are concentrating their attention upon provisioning for a retreat from Pietermaritzburg is not very lucid. There are no Boers near that city. What is meant is probably that a general Boer retreat from Natal is contemplated and it is for this that the provisioning is being arranged.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The approach of the municipal elections naturally turns public attention to civic matters. Several subjects are worthy of particular mention. We hope the new council to be elected will, among other things, inaugurate a crusade for municipal tidiness. This is something that will cost the taxpayers very little. The condition of our streets—we do not now mean the carriage-way or the sidewalks, but the portion that is neither—is extremely disreputable. Small cities in the East would shame us in this respect. Bushes of one kind or another are allowed to grow up. The accumulation of nearly a quarter of a century of fallen leaves fills up the gutters, a miscellaneous collection of stones and rubbish adds to the general appearance of unthriftness.

We fancy that there is a by-law compelling the occupiers of property to clean up the streets immediately in front of their premises, but if there is not there ought to be. We do not mean that they should be compelled to remove stones or other loose matter from the carriage-way or keep the sidewalks in repair, but they can keep down the bushes that otherwise will grow up, and they can rake up the leaves and other rubbish. If this were insisted upon the whole city would look cleaner, smell sweeter and be more healthy.

The matter of sidewalks ought to be taken up, and many of the sidewalks also. This is something upon which most Western cities are very slow to learn; but it is satisfactory to note that Victoria shows signs of furnishing an exception to the general rule. Last year a wooden sidewalk on Michigan street, between Menzies and Oswego, was taken up and gravel was substituted. Except that it is a little more rounded than is necessary, this is an excellent piece of work. On Cook and some other streets there have been some pieces of cinder and gravel sidewalk laid with good results. There ought to be no more plank walk laid within the city limits, except in places where the nature of the surface makes an elevated walk necessary. We think the city council would act wisely if they looked into the success attending the use of asphalt for sidewalks in the residential parts of a city. Fredericton, N.B., has about ten miles of such sidewalks and they are found to be everything that can be desired. The only preparation for them is to smooth the surface and lay upon it an even coating of earth and sand, upon which a thin layer of asphalt is laid. Nothing better can be desired in the way of a sidewalk in a residential district. It is pleasant to the feet and can be easily kept clean. These walks are laid with Trinidad asphalt, which is said to be better than the variety used on this Coast, but perhaps there may be something in the way it is prepared. One firm in New Brunswick does, or at least until recently did, all such work. They made a specialty of it and obtained the best results.

The matter of street crossings is one

that needs attention. Crossings are needed in many portions of the city and especially along the car lines. A pedestrian can pick a dry way across almost any street; but the motorcars cannot be expected to stop the cars anywhere else than on the corners and this often means that the passenger finds himself or herself obliged to step into mud and walk through mud to the sidewalk. It is unreasonable to think that block crossings can be laid everywhere just now; but raised gravel crossings, like that on Broad street in front of the Colonist office, would make very good temporary makeshifts.

The lighting of the streets according to the actual needs of the people, and not by an astronomical schedule, would be a great improvement. It is an improvement which ought not to be delayed. More lights also are needed in certain parts of the city, although as a rule the city is very well cared for in this matter.

These are all minor points, but they are very important. They do not imply the expenditure of much money, which is something in their favor. But the difference they would make in the appearance of the city and the comfort of its inhabitants would be very great. Municipal tidiness is a mark of advanced civilization, of a departure from pioneer days, when anything sufficed because it was better than nothing at all.

LOCAL HISTORY.

Year by year those persons who can speak from personal experience of the earliest days of British Columbia are becoming fewer. In the natural order of events it cannot be very long now before they have all passed away. Speaking from some experience in another part of Canada, we can say that there is danger of very much of the story of early days being lost, for want of some one to see that it is not.

The real pioneer history of a country is not to be found in the official records. These are made up from one point of view, and they are not always true to the life of the people, although they may be literally accurate. We know how very differently things look to the man who does them as compared with the appearance they present to some one else. Then a very large part of the real history of the country never by any possibility finds its way into public archives. This latter fact is especially manifest to those who have made any investigation of the records that have been preserved of the doings of the things of the United Empire Loyalists. There is considerable about the leaders, but very little about the masses. Yet the part played by the leaders was really insignificant, and the influence of their descendants upon Canada has been small. You must look to the rank and file and their children if you would find the active force which built up Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as British provinces. The adventures, the stories of privation, the tales of romance, the countless amusing and interesting incidents, which went to make up the life of the Loyalists, have almost all been forgotten, and yet those who are old enough to remember these stories as told by these pioneers or their children will tell you that there was in them a rich mine from which Canadian literature might have drawn much for the inspiration and encouragement of future generations.

The stories of the common people in any new community are always worth the telling. They teach us what manner of folk they are who founded the communities. Francis Parkman has done for Quebec what no writer has yet attempted for English-speaking Canada. He has shown us the inner life of New France, and we know our French compatriots better when we have learned the real nature of the school in which they were trained. There is an exceedingly interesting field for some person of leisure among the half-breeds of the Northwest. Some of the best blood of France, that is of the France of the Grand Monarque, flows in the veins of these voyageurs. Les Coureurs de Bois, as they were called, the cadets of old French families, who sought adventure in the wilds of the New World, only a very few instances returned to their homes. For the most part they took wives among the Indians and their descendants are scattered over the Northwest, a race without a superior for endurance, courage and resourcefulness.

But we started out specially to speak of the early history of this province. Those of us who have come to British Columbia in recent years have only a very vague idea of the experience of the pioneers. It was not perhaps one of much hardship, but it is full of interesting details. There may be little in it to make the blood course faster through our veins, but there is a great deal that will instruct and not a little that will amuse. British Columbia is certain to become one of the most important localities in the world. As the Orient is opened to civilization and commerce, the Northwest coast of America will grow in wealth and importance. There will be great cities here before two generations have passed away. It will be of great interest to the British Columbians of those days to know who and what the pioneers were, the conditions which they found on their arrival, the conditions which they established, and the process by which communities were built up with all the appliances of civilization. We write to suggest that some organization ought to undertake the rescuing of the tales of the pioneers from oblivion before it is too late.

In this connection it will be recalled that Hon. J. S. Helmcken some years ago wrote a series of intensely interesting letters to the Colonist on pioneer days in British Columbia, and it was then suggested that others of the "Old Guard" should follow the example.

AN OLD QUESTION.

No one can fix the date when the ancient poet propounded the question: "Canst thou by searching find out God?" The oldest philosophy confessed its inability to accomplish this, but mediaevalism taught that the search need not be very far prolonged. The theologians of the Middle Ages and their successors almost down to the present century thought that the Deity was lurking behind every manifestation of His power. That he is so in a certain sense must be admitted, but not in the imminent and personal way that used to be taught. We are no longer taught that every flash of lightning is a thunderbolt launched from the hands of the Creator in anger against mankind, although in many places where thunder storms are common, people stop working during their progress, because of a belief that it is wicked to engage in any employment at such times. That the eclipse, the earthquake, the comet and all the other great phenomena are direct and special interpositions of Providence specially directed against mankind because of wrongdoing has not yet ceased to be believed even in civilized communities. When a fierce gale sweeps along the coast we are told that God rides on the tempest. Yet there are movements of electricity constantly in progress; the seismograph tells us that the earth is rarely perfectly quiescent for twenty-four hours at a time; the atmosphere is always in motion. True, to us some of the movements are greater than others, but to an omnipotent intelligence there can be no difference in magnitude between the breathing of an infant and the fierce rush of the most tremendous hurricane. To a finite mind, which only can comprehend a part, and that an almost insignificant part, of the Universe, some things are greater than others; but to an infinite intelligence there can be no comparison between things. Each is infinitely insignificant.

Even from our standpoint the manifestations of natural force on this earth are comparatively small affairs. We speak with awe of a wind that blows at the rate of eighty miles an hour; but what is that in comparison with those hurricanes of flame on the surface of the sun, which throw out huge jets of fire thousands upon thousands of miles in a second or two? What is the greatest earthquake possible on this earth when compared with the sunquakes, when the surface of that luminary opens with caverns so great that our whole world might be dropped into them with an abundance of clear space on all sides? And what are those sun storms and quakings compared with the terrific movements that the telescope indicates as in progress in the great nebulae?

The search for God in nature is fruitless. All that science can do is to discover processes. From year to year more things are explained and the domain of the mysterious is pushed further back, and that is all which "searching" can do. Arguing from analogy, one may feel justified in thinking that research may go on forever, and yet the Creator remain as much concealed from the eye of the wisest as from that of the most ignorant. The question asked of Job is therefore not a confession of human ignorance, but the last conclusion of human knowledge.

Shall it then be said that He cannot be found? King David of Israel did not answer this question in the negative. In Psalm 139 he speaks of the omnipresence of God. He could think of no place apart from the Divine Presence. Even if he "took the wings of the morning and dwelt in the uttermost parts of the sea" the Presence would be there. To this Presence darkness and light are, he declares, both alike. This thought runs all through the Psalms, which are in fact founded upon it. There is in this nothing opposed to what has been said above. Research may utterly fail to show where the Deity is to be found, but it does not follow that He does not make himself manifest. This is indeed the most wonderful of all things—that what the most advanced science fails to discover may be found by the humblest intelligence. It will be remembered that when His disciples wished to know what the Kingdom of Heaven is like, Jesus took a little child and set it in their midst and said: "Of such is the Kingdom." It is quite possible that the disciples were disappointed. There are passages in the New Testament narrative which show that they had some remarkable notion of the Heavenly Kingdom and their place in it. Even the lesson of the little child was to a great measure lost upon them, as it has been upon many teachers since their day. It is too simple. It makes no provision for an aristocracy of holiness. But the one great feature of the teaching of all the Scriptures is the extreme simplicity of the means by which the Unsearchable may be found. He is everywhere. The whole Universe re-echoes with the words "It is I; be not afraid." There is no more necessity for research to find the Deity than there is to sink shafts down to the bowels of the earth in order to see the blue sky. All that need to be done is to look upwards. If we would hear His voice all we need to do is to listen. If we need His guiding hand all we have to do is to stretch out our own. This at least is the teaching of the Scripture and of the experience of thousands upon thousands of men and women. The most simple thing in all the world is the religion of Christ.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 9, 8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer remains high on the California coast, but has fallen over Vancouver Island and the adjoining states in advance of an approaching storm area. Rain has been general over the Pacific slope, with lower temperatures in the plateau region. The weather in the Northwest has been cloudy and moderately cold.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	41	55
New Westminster	39	52
Richmond	38	51
Barkerville	24	28
Calgary	20	36
Winnipeg	14	34
Portland, Ore.	42	46
San Francisco	40	50

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Sunday:
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong winds, chiefly easterly; high in force along the coast; unsettled, with rains. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; unsettled with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9.

	Deg.	Mean	Deg.
5 a.m.	41	42	45
5 p.m.	44	45	45
Lowest	39		39

The velocity and direction of the wind was as follows:

5 a.m.	Cal.	4 miles northeast.
5 p.m.	Cal.	20 miles northeast.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—63 inch.
Snow—0.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.150
Corrected.....30.130

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Italian Ship Altcar Arrives From Callao for Lumber Cargo.

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THE UTOPIA AGAIN.
Victorian Once More Laid Up For Repairs and the Utopia to Replace Her.

There will be no steamer from the Sound to-day, as the Victorian will be over on the United States side to get her new propeller fitted. The Utopia will arrive at the usual time on Monday and will be on the run for a few days, pending the Victorian's repairs.

AN ITALIAN MERCHANTMAN.
Ship Altcar Completes a Stormy but Uneventful Passage from Callao.

The Italian bark Altcar, Capt. Umberto Dini, is in the Roads. She arrived from Callao yesterday morning after being out 68 days, and is bound for Moodyville for a return lumber cargo. Capt. Dini says he sighted three men-of-war and a four-masted British ship, loaded and bound in, to the south of the Cape but not close enough to them to identify them. He also reports bad weather on the voyage but came along without accident. When about three miles from the Race he mistook the red light at William Head for

Esquimalt and "let go anchor." Fifty-five fathoms was found, however, and the vessel remained fast.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Shipping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Idzumi Maru is due from China and Japan on the 20th instant. Steamer Warrimoo sails for Honolulu and Australian ports on December 15. Steamer Queen City is due from the Coast.

Steamer Willapa is due from Northern British Columbia ports. Steamer Tees sails for Skagway on December 13.

Steamer Umatilla is due from San Francisco on December 14. Steamer Maude leaves for Vancouver to-day with a cargo of Oriental merchandise ex steamship Energia.

The bark Guy C. Goss passed up to Vancouver yesterday en route from Taku, China.

Tug Lorne takes the Italian bark Altcar to Moodyville to-day, afterwards towing to sea the coal-laden ship Edward May from Oyster Bay destined for Honolulu.

Steamer Queen sails for San Francisco to-day. She will carry among other Victoria passengers Mrs. R. Ferguson, S. G. Russell, Wm. Heathorn, H. Donkin, Mr. McKay, Captain Irving and Joseph Wilson.

WAR GUESSING BY CABLE.

Sage Conclusions as to Lines of Communication and Boer Defeat Before Ladysmith Relief.

London, Dec. 9.—Military critics have been very busy during the past week pointing out what mistakes, in their opinion, have been made in Natal and Cape Colony and what should have been done. Many of these faultfinders observe that if it is necessary to preserve Gen. Methuen's and Gen. Buller's lines of communication, with such large forces when operating in British territory, how much harder it will be to do so when the head columns shall have entered an avowedly hostile country.

That Ladysmith will be relieved and shortly, is now taken as a matter of course, though it is admitted that one of the most decisive engagements must be fought before this is accomplished. Nothing has been more prominently brought out during the two months of war than the fact that the Boers never attack. With their mobility, the Boers are enabled to take up one after another carefully selected position, allowing the British to attack them, and retiring after inflicting as well as receiving severe loss, to occupy another previously prepared position. If such tactics continue, it seems possible that the relieving force will reach Ladysmith so crippled that an advance into the Transvaal will be considerably delayed. In fact, the most optimistic see no chance of the British forces making serious headway upon an aggressive campaign for two or three months, while numbers who confidently prophesied that Gen. Buller would eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria are trying to find excuses in the slowness of the transports and the incapability of the war office.

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Labor Cause
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Cannot Endorse Trades Council's Wild Demands Even for Mayoralty Votes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—The Trades and Labor Council resolved last night "under the circumstances" not to name for the present a labor candidate for the mayoralty. The Colonist correspondent having heard it rumored that the action of the Labor Council in deferring the nomination of a candidate for mayor was due to the possibility of Ald. Brown transforming himself from a bitter opponent to a champion of the cause of the local labor council, called upon that gentleman and asked him to elucidate the situation.

Ald. Brown stated that some of the Labor Council's requests were tyrannical. For instance they have "demanded" that the city council have the patient named Ross, recently committed to the insane asylum, re-examined as to his sanity. Then, again, there is the union label question. "If I consented," he said, "to hand over the city's business to incompetent parties because their goods had a union label upon them, I would not be doing my duty by my constituents. Besides, the city charter will not permit it."

"I understand that I am to be asked by a delegation—should I decide to comply with the request of my friends to run for mayor—to support the labor cause in exchange for their vote. I can promise nothing of the kind, provided their cause remains on the lines I have suggested. I am more anxious to serve the city as I think honestly and in the best interests of the citizens, than I am to become mayor of Vancouver."

"I suppose the labor people will place a candidate in the field, for I do not believe Mayor Garden can comply with the demands which will be made by the Labor Council any more than I can."

"Should I run I will come out solid on the Deadman's Island question. It is a live issue, and will be in the municipal as well as provincial elections."

Ald. Brown in further conversation intimated that in all such healthy labor questions he was with the unions, being a staunch friend of the workingman, but he would not make any promises which he believed detrimental to the city's interests or unfair to a man or class of men.

"As for the Deadman's Island question," he continued, "if Ladgate does not come back others will be glad to secure the site. Besides there is a principle involved in the question."

Ald. Brown is a strong Liberal and supporter of the present government, and concluded by saying that the next provincial election would not be fought altogether on straight party lines. He thought the Liberals were pretty well united on the party-line question, but

the vote would be more or less involved with local issues. It was his opinion that the chance of the provincial government pulling through another session is pretty seely.

As to the case of disputed insanity referred to by Ald. Brown in this interview, inquiry shows that at a recent meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a member made the bold assertion that this man, W. B. Ross, was perfectly sane, and sent to the asylum to get him out of the way, and on the strength of this assertion a resolution was passed demanding that the city council have him re-examined by specialists.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Death of a Popular Young Man—A Provincial Labor Convention—Fire Insurance Cheaper.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—George McTavish died at the city hospital at 3 o'clock this morning. He came here two years ago from Winnipeg, and soon became very popular, and at his death was secretary of the Vancouver Rowing Club. Three weeks ago on Sunday McTavish was strolling in the park with some friends, when several grouse flew up. The party fired stones at them, and Mr. McTavish, who was of powerful physique and proud of his strength and skill in athletics, attempted to throw further and more accurately than the rest at a distant grouse. As he threw he felt a twinge of pain in his abdomen, and the pain becoming worse he was taken to the hospital, where the doctors said a simple operation would cure him. The operation was performed three days ago, but the patient grew weaker, and sank rapidly till the end. An examination disclosed the fact that the intestines had become mortified, the case being more complicated than at first thought.

Mr. McTavish was 30 years old, unmarried, a son of Sir John A. McTavish, chief factor at Fort Garry, and a grandson of Governor McTavish of the Hudson's Bay Company in the days before Manitoba entered confederation.

The Trades and Labor Council have decided to be represented at a provincial labor convention to discuss a communication from Nanaimo regarding the power of mine-owners to appoint special police, and a request for them to petition the provincial government for an eight-hour law and compulsory arbitration and conciliation, and other questions. The council decided to do what they could against the applications of projected companies for water privileges in the Narrows.

The city council will not contribute to the fund for the erection of a monument in Toronto for the soldiers who fell in 1812.

Encroachers on the foreshores of Burrard Inlet and False Creek are to be prosecuted by the harbor master.

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